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DEVELOPMENT OF INDIGENOUS AWACS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to develop an indigenous Airborne Early Warning and Control System (AWACS);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time likely to be taken in its development;

(c) whether it is also proposed to manufacture indigenous radars;

(d) whether the possibilities of marketing Indian technology for surveillance equipment in world markets have been assessed; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir.Defence Research and Development Organisation is pursuing development of Airborne Early Warning and Control System (AEW&C) at a cost of Rs.1,800 cr with a probable date of completion (PDC) in the year 2011.

(c) Yes, Sir.Development and manufacture of indigenous Radar is included in AEW&C programme.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.